

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed August 12, 2004. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this Application.

According to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier. All of the claims have been provided with a proper status identifier herein. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that the present Application is in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121.

Applicants has canceled Claims 44-86 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants have now made an earnest attempt to place the Application in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and full allowance of Claims 1-43.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any amount required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,
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